

## *From the Enduring Freedom Chapel*

The holidays for us in Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, and for you at home have a different feel this year. Normal routines are disrupted by our wartime deployment as we are separated from you, our loved ones, and things familiar. The cold weather and occasional snow flurry we might normally associate with this season is instead

replaced by the warmth of the African winter. But most importantly, all of us are coping with separation from one another. This change in routine offers each of us a new opportunity to reflect, discover and appreciate this holy time of year in different ways.

We are busy fulfilling our military obligations while keeping the holiday spirit active aboard the camp and in our hearts. Our chapel is decorated with lights and there are festive displays in the chow hall, the medical clinic and even some of our tents. All of these efforts are outer manifestations of an inner resolve to accomplish our mission while keeping



the spirit of the season alive, and you, our loved ones, in sight. Our chapel program continues to offer religious services for all faiths to meet the spiritual needs of our men and women. Additionally, we are continuing our involvement with all three orphanages – boys, girls, and babies, in order to demonstrate our love and concern for the

children of Djibouti.

We are keeping this holy season in our hearts and trust you are doing the same. We send you our love and best wishes as you reflect upon the joys of this holy time of year and simply ask you to continue to pray for us, as we pray for you. May the blessings of God, our love for one another, and the joy of this season sustain us all.

Chaplain Jack Lea



*Pictured above is a recent photo of the Chapel Enduring Freedom.*